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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1883.

The Weather To-Day, For the middle attantic dates, inc arions the District of Ethting republicans. This was because they countries the foolishness of those who Columbia, thereasing chardiness and smarr rate, any no other feet contend with. As a result of make it. In a country place we have winds shifting to north und east, higher barometer

slight full in temperature.

The indications are that rain well present in the southern states and Ohio villey on Friday and 8 to day, Snow or rota is indicated nor the middle of the denow for the lake region on Friday word or sain

Yesterday's thermometer, -7 s, m., 53,45, 11 s, m. 41.8°; 8 p. m., 41.9°; 7 p. m., 42.2°; 11 p. m., 40.1 maximum, 45.5°; minimum, 29.8°; Rainfall,

FOR Mr. Beltzhoover's ease of mind it might be stated as indisputable that one secretary of the be omitted on the roll call or to pull back | riably is) of assuming a superiority over others war is "biger" than a whole brigade of in the rest. It will be no quarrel for prece- who are satisfied to stand upon what they weather prophets.

If the temperance agitators succeed in banishing "lightning" from New Jersey, isputes must be forgotten. There must the time for the music of Gabriel's trumpet | e room in the party for those who opposed is surely near at hand.

No city in this country has better drilled or more handsomely uniformed military or- irup treatment of democracy from ganizations than Washington. The parade 877 to 1881, and those who wanted to emyesterday afternoon was alike creditable to shasize the departure from it by again electthe participants and to the city.

JOAQUIN MILLER ought to quote correctly if he quotes at all. What does he mean by writing about "On fame's everlasting camp- he republican ticket last fall, and those who ing ground?" That sort of treatment of one lid not; room for those who have never voted gloves. poet by another speaks poorly for the ameni-

Witten the winds and waves are solving the problem of our ancient many many a poor sailor is hurried into a watery grave. Why not bring all the old hulks together, let him read the ravings of bourbon editors at scuttle them, and give the scamen a chance the mere suggestion. The people have no infor their lives. This would be more humani-

Scancity of water seriously affects the tion for the progress marked by twenty years market value and insurance rate of houses of the nation's history. Whoever is right upon the higher points of the city. There is now may have been ever so wrong many no valid excuse for this state of affairs. Free times before. The democracy have not a maholders should have the same rights accorded jority of the people in their fold, and to them wherever they may locate. Discrimfuntion in this matter is gross injustice.

CARVER and Bogardus have a coming rive the the majority of the whole people in the person of Charles Brown, an eight who waste. When the spokesman of year-old English lad, who recently, for a wager, shot seventy out of one hundred pigeous. The manly art of murdering birds for fun is promised a fresh impetus by the performances of this preceedous boy.

EVANUELEST BARNES lameyts that he did not find New York and Brooklyn so easy to convert as the western cities. He saved four hundred and fifty brands from the burning in nine weeks of western work, but neither New York nor Brooklyn appeared to succumb to spasmodic religion. Hence Brother Barnes's tears. He does not think the sinners of the west as tough as those of

It is stated in words of soberness and truth more last Wednesday has in it an interest that Oscar Wilde is studying for the stage, nearer home than any rights of European auand will make his first appearance as Romen. | thors. This country needs some sort of en-One thing is certain, whatever that astate actment for the protection of its own citizens and his knee breeches, one has to get up very early in the morning to see all around Occar; and if he be a humbug he at least deserves to ture. It assumes to protect nothing more than be ranked among the successful humbugs.

upon the subject of his resignation from the trying to establish his right in a piece of pergaval service, and his reasons for that action, sonal property. So lacking is law upon this If Lieut, Comd'r Gorringe appears unfavore subject that in even cases of broad and ably in the light of his own remarks the fault wholesale piracy of native plays, authors and devoid of awkwardness.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, bim, but William G, refused to deliver up the point similarly traded in. There was no question as to the offense nor as to the author-mittee of conference, where Adam Smith's for his revolver after it had dropped from his ship and rights in any of these compositions. wounded hand. Then he got it and banged Yet the courts were without the means of William G. reflects honor on the whole family came of the matter.

The Future of the Party.

Grant prior to and at the Chicago con-

he force bill in 1875 and for those who op-

osed the nomination of their leader in 1876:

oom for those who upheld the soothing

he republican ticket, as well as for those who

If anybody doubts that the first duty of

republicans is to oppose the restoration of the

old smooth-bore flint-lock democracy to power

terest in the dislike of leaders for each other

of time nor to apologize at a presidential elec-

Lord is on our side," the ready reply

was, "If there is any doubt about it,

madn't we better get on the Lord's

side?" And so it may be said that if the

hind it no principle for which valor fought or

Dramatic Copyright.

The question of dramatic and musical stage

cision of Judges Morris and Bond in Balti-

which justice and patriotism demand.

have never voted for any other.

Few people have any proper notion of the value of a successful drama. No other kind of successful literary effort brings in as large While the democratic leaders, editors, exrewards. A popular play is a far more recants, and drummers are fixing up republimunerative piece of property than a popular politics for 1884 in a manner quite to their book. That a book should be protected to its own liking and indulging in visions of democavic success through republican divisions, owners and a play should not, is manifestly wrong; but none of the many efforts made THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN presents its to correct that state of things has come to empliments and begs leave to make a few any effect. Like all wrongs, it will work out aggestions in the opposite direction. First, must be understood that the hopes its own righting in course of time; and cases democratic success are based ensuch as'this of "Iolanthe," by directing attengraly on the idea that the republicans tion toward it, may possibly help the time

carnot be united. Our enemies review the along. past three years and recall the flerce attacks Frogs That Would Be Ozen. Booghus, Repository, devoted to the prevention, the defeat of the Grant forces, the servation of history, biography, and genealcomfiture of Blaine by his enforced sup- ogy," is the comprehensive title of a new port of Garfield in convention, the narrow and very handsomely printed magazine, the exape from defeat in 1880, the disappoint- first number of which has just been issued by mints upon the formation of the cabinet in Horaco Wemyss Smith, of Philadelphia. 1-1, the war between the administration The apparent object of this publication and the New York delegation, the ac- is to furnish genealogical pabulum to the ession of Arthur, the changes in the cabi- vanity of such people as have made see, the worry over appointments, the fac- money enough to feel that it devolves upon The following is a list of the branch offices in Washington. Others will be added hereafter:

W. S. Ro ST's News Stands at the Allisaron loop on the democratic tree. But they to some more common sense purpose. Amerwil never come to fruit, THE can genealogy is best let alone. There can be of entail by force of which property, complete restoration to health and home, and a central authority may be ength. The antagonisms within its maintained and transmitted from father to aks have been bitter, and would be ir- son. Each generation pushes out for itself, concilable if the alternative to reunion diversely. This is as it must be in the ald be anything less than a rehabilitation development of a vast and rich continent like the old Hunker bourbon democracy, with ours. The forces that shape the growth of weeds of woe over the death of slavery nations are too powerfully active here to perand the lost cause, and its contempt for mit that quiescence which is necessary to the tie war debt and the constitutional crystalization of communities into families. mendments. But the democracy may as And the beginnings were not of a sort to be well restrain its enthusiasm until it is justly proud of, as a rule. A few generasefely over the fight. Let not him that tions back of the most aristocratic houses atteth his armor on boast as he that putteth there were junkmen or tailors or off. The recent past has seen republicans squaws or worse-and everybody knows giving themselves too much to the work of it so well that an attempt to prove blue blood w no other foe to contend with. As a result of make it. In a country where present chartheir struggle with each other the enemy has acter and ability settle a man's position, there w appeared. The tramp of his legions is is no demand to know who or what his grandard on the march to the white house. The father was. Family name and an honorable sult will be that the republican cause will history therewith connected may constitute a self lead its old leaders to the work of stay- standard to be lived up to by those who og the political revolution. The party can really have them; but when such antecedents Baltimore lawyer." Clever John A. certainly mmand the services of all who have fought are not inquired after—as they are not heres battles and won them in the past. It it is in the worst of bad taste to pretend to cannot and will not allow any of them them for the mere purpose (as the case invaience nor yet for exclusion. The party will themselves are. To cater to this vulgarity is have the best services of all on whom in itself vulgar, and very cheaply so.

t calls, and it will call on all. Old Prize fighting as an art appears to be reviving. When Jem Mace and his Maori returned from Australia some time ago they received a vast amount of attention, not only from the sporting men, who are supposed to make heroes of such characters, but a certain notice and great space in newspapers of the best class, which is simply astounding. The ng Gen. Grant : room for those who stood by mania for boxing is raging all over the he Conkling leadership in New York in country; sparring exhibitions are natronized 1881, and those who took part in its overas they never were before, and not a week hrow; room for those republicans who voted passes but a battle is fought with or without

There seems to be a kind of periodicity in these revivals. In Lord Byron's time he The truth is that this admirable had but one rival in boxing, and that was artist has carried the honors of the engage-Jackson, a pugilist who was courted by men ment. The favor in which she stands was in the highest fashion in London. The no whit diminished in manifestation even rules of the ring having been made by the when she sang in the same open with Patti. Marquis of Queensbury indicates the fact that She is the actual attraction of the company. Her success throughout the season tells what men of rank were the chief promoters of she will accomplish next year. Not only is prize fighting from the beginning. In Phila- her voice the most magnificent contralto this They are not ready to set back the clock delphia the other day two Celestials, Mr. Hi generation has listened to, but her methods and Mr. Loo, went to work pounding each are faultless, and her dramatic capabilities other in the highest style of western civilization. Mr. Loo, after being knocked into a cocked hat, philosophically remarked, "Me numbers. catchee plenty." Everything possible has been said against the degrading sport of the capable singer. His Leporello was an admircannot have. Whether the republican thing, and further remark would be trite; able performance in every way. As much party will be the majority must depend on but when columns of valuable space in the whether its managers and advisers will public prints are devoted to Mace and Slade and Sullivan, and such like cattle, is it not shall be the party. When the spokesman of about time to inquire what our boasted ninea delegation of clergyman said to Mr. Linteenth century civilization amounts to? coln during the war, "Mr. President, the

Obstruction or destruction is democratic policy. Obstruction of the growth of liberty, or destruction of the nation; obstruction of people are not on the side of the republican the endeavors to educate and elevate the party the party had better get on the people's freedman; refusal of the privileges of casting side, provided that in doing so it leaves beand counting the negro's vote; denial of his right to own property, or destruction of his life; obstruction of needed legislation and delay on all matters of public importance, or destruction of national and private interests. This is an epitome of the history of the demcopyrights suggested by the "Iolanthe" deocratic party from its origin to the present

A Censorious World.

The World turns coldly on Scnators Bayard Barrow, Brown, Camden, Davis, Gorman, young Irishman may be up to, it will put in these matters. We have no dramatic copy- Jackson, and McPherson. We refer to the money in his purse. For all his long hair right that is worth the fee that must be paid New York World. That unimpeachable orfor it. The American copyright law in fact gan of democracy arraigns these gentlemen takes little or no cognizance of dramatic litera- for having voted for a tariff scheme which not only runs counter to the instructions of the title of a play, and even that protection | the late Adam Smith, as set forth in his is dubious. An American dramatist seeking valuable work entitled "An Inquiry LIEUT. COME'R GORRINGE is given a to protect himself must go into court with into the Nature and Causes of the chance in another column to express himself, less law at his back than though he were Wealth of Nations," but also to the views of President Polk's secretary of the treasury as laid down in his report of 1846. The World further charges that these eight offenders against democratic principles, in is wholly his own. In effect he admits that managers have found the greatest difficulty conducting themselves as they have upon the his own acts brought censure upon him; and in conducting any kind of prosecution, either tariff measure of the senate, had not due rein view of that admission his effort to shift civil or criminal. The experience of the gard for the views either of Lord John Rusdiscredit upon the may office is not wholly Madison Square theater managers in dealing sell, Sir Robert Peel, or Mr. Richard Cobden. with a regularly organized firm of play thieves What is democracy coming to when, as the in Chicago, a year ago, might be instanced as World charges, eight senators of that persuasion WILLIAM G. SMITH, an express messenger, in point of this. The Messrs, Mallory own are caught in the very act of attempting to it the kind of a man that when he saw a several highly valuable American plays, "read the life and soul and substance of demorobber covering him with a revolver as her among them being "Hazel Kirke," which cratic principles out of the democratic party ?" stood before his open safe on the moving was being sold by these thieves to irresponirals on his way to Albany, wised his own gisted and shammed the safe door. The cry of McKee Rankin, Bartley Campbell, of the house shall fillbuster for a chance to the first five shots, two of which struct and several other actors and authors, was concur in the action of those eight senators practice.

"Wealth of Nations" and Robert J. Walker's report can be tacked on as amendments any at the robber, who jumped the train. measuring justice to the thieves and nothing Surely the democratic house is divided against itself.

Will the Majority Bestir Itself?

The republican caucus of yesterday did not ucceed in entirely smoothing the way to pass a bill for revision of the tariff, though it at all. There is no longer any misunderstanding as to what may be exto a Minnesota free trader. They are for republican revision rather than democratic revision, and will in no event embarrass the majority. It remains now for the majority

A GREAT hullabaloo has been going on in New York over prison discipline at the same time that Gov. Butler has very much relaxed the rules of the prisons in Massachusetts. The consequence is that a revolt is now in anal warfare in conventions, the last fall them to have ancestry. While the editor is progress among the 1,500 convicts in Sing elections, and the demoralization in con- unquestionably earnest in his undertaking, Sing, a prison which is filled with the most desperate class of criminals. There is little danger that anything serious will come of it. but when, as the case now is, men are im-EPUBLICAN is of the opinion that no "family" here in the sense it has prisoned only for crime, and it is yearly getdisasters which have come upon the abroad, for the reason that there is no law ting more difficult to get severe verdicts from juries, it seems as if there were not much room for that false sentiment which would treat a thief or a murderer as well as if he had been a law abiding citizen all his life.

For a dignified expression of disgust, Mr. Parnell's manner under the attack of Forster in the house of commons vesterday might serve as a model. Forster threw at him a charge that his party was working up toward assassination, and with a vigor born of somewhat unparliamentary feeling laid at his door or that of the land league-what seems to have been an imputation of responsibility for the things now undergoing ventilation in the Dublin police court. Mr. Parnell's only reply was a motion to adjourn the debate. It was as though he had used the Americanism, 'You make me tired."

THE remarkable New York correspondent of our impotent but hated rival makes the remark that John A. McCaull, the Napoleon of comic opera in New York, was "a clever was; but his friends, the sporting fraternity of Richmond, will smile at the idea of John A.

BASKET beggary and street mendicancy are unnecessary in this or any community. There are vagrancy laws. Why are they not enforced?

YALE and Harvard have decided to row as usual. This news will quiet many an aching heart.

"NUMBER ONE" seems to have looked out for himself.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

ing's audience listened to her found expres-

Dotti would make her way very pros-

one, though her method of breathing inter-

feres with its free and accurate use; and in

The Second Degree.

lished in the Adequee of the thirteeuth, says

opera was satisfactorily performed.

been expected of them.

THE OPERA "DON GIOVANNL" "Don Giovanni" was sung last evening with Scalchi as Zerlina, Ciampi-Cellai as Don Giovanni, Ravelli as Ottavio, Fursch-Madi as Donna Anna, Dotti as Donna Elvira, and Corsini as Leporello. After Scalchi, this cast was

a masterful mustering of seconds. Scalchi's vecks since reported that

further discussion the hour of adjournment arrived, and it was agreed to hold another ucus to-day.
The only understanding reached was that
he anti-bigamy bill, which was taken up superb. The delight with which last even-Wednesday afternoon, when comparativel lew senators were in attendance should b sion in double or treble calls after each of her

Corsini is a good comedian, as well as a variably be given to the regular annual ap propriation bills, revenue bills, and pension may be said of Clampi-Cellai in the titular A current rumor that the caucus selected part, but less will do for the others nator Edmunds as its choice for president perously in a company less heavily weighted

pro tempore of the senate has no foundation The subject of providing for the election of new president pro tempore was not even al-luded to in yesterday's caucus. with great soprani. Her voice is a pleasant Reduction of Duty on Books.

greatness by a strident quality in her otherwise strong and well managed voice. The The interest attaching to Mrs. Burnett's play is larger than might have been looked for. The sale of scats at Ford's yesterday opened with unexpected briskness. The facts that Mrs. Burnett resides here, and that John E. Owens has always been a popular favorite at our theaters, count for more than had Bristot (Va.) News.

Whytheville correspondent of the Lynchburg
Advance, so far advanced as to write from that town

and the greatest volume of current literatu y men and women of their nation. tedman adds a note in which he says that ie is "compelled" to sign this petition owing to the absence of an international copyright

lished in the Ademice of the thirteenth, says:

On the street to-day an alternation took place between tien. Win. Nerry and W. W. Woodson, in which the latter got three raps upon his cranium, which the latter got three raps upon his cranium, which the latter got three raps upon his cranium, which did not exactly eail him to order, but completely knocked him out of time. Woodson is a new convert to Mahouelism, having decided to go over to that political faith in the last few cays, and in his speech to-day swore everlasting allegtance to the rides and dictates of that party. This baptism in the Mahouelte pool is called in this country the first degree. The second degree is generally a threshing from some true democrat, and Mr. Woodson forced tien. Terry to administer the second by using language to that goutletona which did not exactly accord with his way of thinking. The point in the above is that no man is to be permitted to join the readjuster movement with-The speaker laid before the house yesterutited to join the readjuster movement withit being threshed by some bourbon. Free thought apurtenances of bourbonism, but this is the first bold acknowledgment of it from that party. Nevertheless the readjuster revolution will pro ceed, all the same.

ention to the fact that President Arthur himself began the work of reforming the civil service when he was collector of the port of New York. During the five years preceding Mr. Arthur's collecrship 1,675 employes of the custom house were removed; during his term, which also lasted five years, there were only 144 removals, all of which vere for cause. Moreover, all his appointments, which show that the President believes in carrying out strictly business principles in the most

Civil Service on Business Principles.

A DARK DAY COMING.

mething About the Total Solar Eclipse that is to Occur on the Sixth of May. Providence Journal.

The total eclipse of the sun occurs on the

actors in the grand display, regardless of the convenience of terrestrial observers, have located the scene of operations in the southern Pacific ocean. The line of totality sweeps over a vast extent of watery waste, including in its passage only two small islands, where did accomplish something in ascertaining the conditions under which the party will stand together. On one question there was agreement—that the majority ought to revise the tariff if it is revised at all. There is no longer any misunderstanding as to what may be expected from all classes of republicans, ranging from a Pennsylvania high protectionist to a Minnesota free trader. They are for results of the seath track of those who go down to the sea in ships. But small as the islands are, and difficult as they are to reach, the wise men who wish to study the celipse, and all others who go down to the sea in ships. But small as the islands are, and difficult as they are to reach, the wise men who wish to study the celipse, and all others who go down to the sea in the study the celipse can be seen to advantage. These two times the celipse can be seen to advantage. These two tax is all the celipse can be seen to advantage. These two tax is all the celipse can be seen to advantage. These two tax is all the celipse can be seen to advantage. These two tax is all the celipse can be seen to advantage. These two tax is all the celipse can be seen to advantage. These two tax is all the celipse can be carried to advantage. The celipse can be carried to advantage. in its passage only two small islands, where ial phenomenon that ever takes place, will inve to congregate on these two little islands Thousands of miles of ocean must be tra-versed, and all manner of privations and hardships must be endured in order to behold to handle itself effectively, and there is no time to be lost. the awe-inspiring spectacle. But never yet in the history of the human race have any difficulties in the way prevented zealous men of science from attemping to fathom the mys-eries that enshroud our celestial neighbors. Two French expeditions are being equipped, one to observe the eclipse at Caroline island and the other at Flintisland. The British nation will not allow their neighbors across the channel to outdo them in scientific research, and will, doubtless, send an observing party to Carolino island. The Americans are now strongly agitating the question of sending some of the best astronomers to the same fortunate island, and there is little doubt that the means will be forthcoming. Amateur astronomers are debating the question of joining the expedition, and the prospect is that when the sixth of May dawns a colony of scientists from many quarters of the globe will be assembled in this one island of the Pacific to find out what se rets they can discover while the face of his najesty, the sun, is veiled from mortal view. The celipse of May next is especially favorable for observation on account of the long duration of totality, which will amount in some localities to nearly six minutes. The longest time a total solar eclipse can last is longest time a total solar eclipse can last is not quite seven minutes. The eclipse observed last year in Egypt lasted only seventy-two seconds, and it is a rare event for an eclipse to last nearly six minutes, as will be the case with the coming eclipse. Caroline island is situated in 73° 20' west longitude from Washington, and in 9° 40' south latitude. The duration of totality there will be five

> utes and thirty-three seconds.
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> The approaching eclipse is therefore a very important one, on account of the unusually long continuance of the total phase; for the law is, the longer the totality the more favora-ble are the conditions for observation. Astron-omers will do their best to increase their tock of knowledge on three important points, two of which are connected with the surround ngs of the sun, never revealed except on the are occasions of a total solar eclipse. They sope in the first place to add something to hat has already been learned during what has arready been learned during previous cellipses concerning the corona, especially in regard to the immense appendages which branch out from the corona in all directions; to find out whether they are dependencies of the coronal atmosphere, or whether they are swarms of meteors circulating around the sun. In the meteors circulating around the sun. In the nectors circulating around the sun. In the second place, they will make a study of the zodiacal light and its relation to the sun's surroundings. In the third place, they will carefully search for the small intra-Mercurial planets that probably circulate in the immediate neighborhood of the sun, and which can only be seen when making a transit over his disk, or during a total solar cellipse. The spectroscopic the photographer and the observer troscopist, the photographer, and the observers with the naked eye will do their allotted parts in the difficult and delicate work. The tropical locality of the places of observation is favorable for clear weather on the momentous occasion, and there is reason to hope that discoveries will be made and observations con-firmed that will render illustrious the astro-

nomical annals of 1883. Republican Senatorial Caucus.

A cancus of the republican members of the enate was held yesterday morning for the surpose of determining the order of business in regard to matters of general legislation now pending.
The caucus committee appointed som

ered the subject, and that in their opinion ac ion should be taken at this session upon the shipping bill, the Dakota division bill, the pension bills, and the bankruptcy bill.

This report gave rise to considerable dis-cussion, several senators asserting that other measures are equally important and should not be overlooked. Among these Senator not be overlooked. Among these Senator Blair strongly urged the importance of the educational bill introduced by him. Pending further discussion the hour of adjournment

laid aside in order to take up the naval ap-propriation bill, and that during the re-mainder of the session precedence shall in-

appearance and manner she is decidedly pre-Edmund C. Stedman, E. V. Smalley, and H. possessing. Fursch-Madi is deterred from E. Scudder, describing themselves as "writers of books," have petitioned congress to make no reduction of the present tariff, 25 per cent. upon books, on the ground, first, that the prosperity of authors is closely connected with the prosperity of publishers, and American books demand American publishers, and whatever seriously checks the business of publishing checks the freedom of writing; that the removal of essential reduction of the existing tariff would give the foreign publishers. ing tariff would give the foreign publisher an advantage over the American publisher by en-abling him to occupy the American market abling him to occupy the American market with books written and made abroad at a lower rate than that at which they can be made in this county; the effect of which would be to force the American publisher into the publication of those copyright books only whose reputation has already been made, or of books which serve professional uses, such as reports of courts and school books; and that higher literature will be discouraged, a letter under date of the fourteenth, which is pubwhich is in the form of reading for the young will be guided by foreign authors instead of

Mr. Morrill presented the memorial to the

Gaslighted Buoys.

lay a letter from the secretary of the treas ury in reply to an inquiry from congress one concerning the lighting of beacons and buoys. The letter is accompanied by a report from the light house board, setting forth the success of experiments with gaslighted buoys in Curritack sound, North Carolina, and New York harbor. The secretary renews the expression in his annual report of the opinion that experiments in Eurosean waters justify that experiments in European waters justify the belief that gas may be thus introduced with good effect and with economy to the service.

The Lost Steamer Ashuelot.

Secretary Chandler yesterday morning received the following telegram from Captain Joseph S. Skerrett, commanding the United States steamer Richmond, dated Hong Kong, Feb. 21: "Ashuelot total loss on Samock island. Eleven enlisted men lost, Remain-der on Richmond. Admiral (Clints) in the

Monocacy at the wreck." This corroborates the cablegrams received from Hong Kong Wednesday. It is the only official information that has been received at the navy depart-

AMERICAN WRITERS.

sixth of May. The sun and moon, the chief Strong Censure Not Undeserved. London Correspondence of New York Tribune, The author of the article on American novels in the current number of the Quarterly Review is Mr. L. J. Jennings, formerly edito of the New York Times. The applause be stowed of late on such American novelists as Mr. Henry James and Mr. Howells seems to Mr. Jennings excessive; and he has made an effort to readjust the balance by censure not less excessive, and by pretty sweeping praise less excessive, and by pretty sweeping praise of every American novelist except these two. Mr. Bret Harte is praised: Mr. Gilmore Simms, Mrs. Burnett, Mr. Cable, Mr. Sylvester Judd, Hawtherne, Poe, Cooper, and the author of "Democracy"—of all these Mr. Jennings finds something amiable to say. Of Mr. James and Mr. Howells nothing is too bad to say. "One little book of Hawthorne's," the British public is told "in worth, all the the British public is told, "is worth all the labored and tedious writings of the novelists who boast of having founded a new school of fiction, based upon the principle that the Best novelists is he who has no story to tell." These two unhappy young men have "turned to novel writing as a pleasant means of acquiring profit and reputation without any natural gifts for the work, and without any true insight into its nature." not invent a plot, they have no im they are not really Americans, they puff each they are not really Americans, they puff each other in the same magazine, with accompanying portraits softened down from the originals, their compositions are feeble and dreary, their splenders are borrowed. Mr. James's "Daisy Miller" is remarkable for artificial mannerisms and tawdry smartness. The plot of "The American" is chaotic, and Nowman an impossible character. The "Portrait of a Lady" does not contain a single interesting incident. Mr. Howell's "Modern Instance" contains no narrative which could not be told in ten lines. His men and women are stilted, n ten lines. His men and women are stilted, unnatural, brutal. Both writers belong to the "spurious" American school; and the final criticism on this sort of American novels s that they are not American and not novels.

Mr. Windom's Supposed Plans,

Senator Windom has his eye on Mexico, as the story goes. Pretty much everything that is done in Mexico has its impulse and backing in the United States, and the scheme to build a railroad across the northern end of that republic originated in Boston. It is said that the directors of a road to run from Eagle Pass westward to the Pacific Ocean have of fered Senator Windom the presidency, and he has agreed to accept if the stockholders, at a meeting to be held on the twentieth of March, express a desire to have him. The ninutes and twenty seconds, . Flint island is situated in 73° 40' west longitude from Washington, and in 11° 30' south latitude. The duration of totality there will be five minsalary is to be \$25,000 a year, which he agrees to take in stock of the company for four years, which will be his stipulated term if he goes into the office. The company has already a stock subscription of \$200,000, and it is re-ported that the subsidy given by the Mexican government is sufficient in itself to pay all osts of construction. From the senate to such a fat place will not be so bad.

Extortions by Spanish Consuls. Mr. Call's resolution offered in the senate vesterday requesting the President to justitute negotiations with the government of Spain for restitution of money unlawfully taken from Capt. James McKay and other shippers of cattle at Key West relates particushippers of cattle at key west relates particularly to the alleged arbitrary and extortionate head tax imposed by the Spanish consul at Key West upon cattle shipped to Cuba. During the past few years this tax has proven onerous to shippers. Mr. Call's bill authorizing the President to adopt retaliatory measures as a remedy for this extortion in the future is reading in the secont foreign in the future is pending in the senate foreign

For Electric Light Experiments. The speaker laid before the house yesterday

a letter from the secretary of the treasury recommending legislation by congress to authorize the lease of a site at Hallett's Point, N. Y., for the erection of a tower for experi-ments with electric lights. The experiments were authorized by an act passed last session, and now congress is asked to appropriate \$400 for a lease, with the reserved right to buy at \$5,000, if it should be deemed advisable, at any time within two years.

The Mississippi River Improvement. The majority report of the honse special committee on the improvement of the Missimippi river was completed and read in committee yesterday. It excited a great deal of discussion. There will be a minority report on the general improvements signed by Mr Thomas, of Illinois, and Mr. Ellis, of Louis inua, and a minority report on the outlet sys-tem, signed by Messrs. Butterworth, Holman

Customs Districts.

The house committee on appropriations discassed yesterday the proposition of the secretary of the treasury to consolidate the custom collection districts, and decided in view of the lack of time for a satisfactory investigation of the subject to make the regular provision in the appropriation for the customs district as

now constituted. Improvement of Florida Harbors.

Senator Call yesterday morning submitted an amendment to be offered to the river and harbor bill, appropriating sums for improvements on Florida waters, aggregating \$970,000, \$500,000 of which is for the St. John's river, and \$100,000 each for Cumberland sound, Pensacola harbor, and Key West.

Senator Morrill in the House. Senator Morrill was looking around the republican side of the house yesterday, by which neighborly act he incurred the suspicion that he was talking senate finance committee tariff.

Magazines. The Continent, Albion W. Tourgee's admirable

weekly, is meeting with favor throughout the country. "The Recollections of Army Life," in the number of the twenty-eighth instant, is admirably illustrated and well written. Sprites," a poem, by Nathan D. Urner, attracts nuch attention. The vigorous editorial on the Dark Horse of 1880," from the pen of the con ductor of the magazine, furnishes much food for thought for our statesmen,

The death of the great composer, Richard Wagner, renders especially timely and interesting ar article by Mrs. Van Rensselaer in the March num-ber of *Harper's Magasine*. This article, while hav-This article, while having for its subject the last Bairouth festival, gives not only a careful estimate of Wagner's place in music, but also a pleasant picture of his home life and home surrounding. The article contains an egtirely new portrait of the composer, and a view of his house in Baircuth. The Edectic Magnetine of Bircion Literature to

March has the following table of contents: " The Americans," by Herbert Spencer; "On Some of Shakespeare's Female Characters," by One who nas Personated Them (Belena Fauch The Last Extremity;" "The Capiala The Captain of the Pol-Star" (a very mysterious and exciting narrative) "Comets," by William Huggins; "Poor Matthias, a poem by Matthew Arnold; "The Divining The Divining "A Study of Longfellow," by Henry Norman; "Omens of Trouble;" "Russian Prisons," by Prince Krapotkine; "A Ghost," by the autho of Mrs. Jerningham's Journal; "Ottoman Poetry, by Stanley Lane Poole; "Anthony Trollopa," by Edward A. Freeman, D.C.L.: "Monica," by the author of Phyllis: "A Puma Rug," by Frederick Boyle, and miscellaneous matter.

"The Cry is Still They Come, Chronicle Herald About the most impudent and audacious pollsman who hangs out the stalwart banner of

The True Christian Spirit. If Oscar Wild will return to this coun

try, and let us play the hose on him, all will b

A Permanent Reluctance, Rochester Express.

Democratic reform seems to be lingering in

GENERAL GOSSIP.

WALTZING. Adown the chandeliered saloon To notes of viol and bassoon, In many gomainer they whirl, The sylph-like Senior and the girl. About her form, in dainty pose, His arm a semi-circle shows; And when the sheltered nook is gained, The graceful pose is still retained.

As neath the seniorie ray, Like rosy lights her blushes play, He reads within her eyes of brown, Waltzing is better sitting down. -Harvard Lampoon.

THERE are a dozen women in this country who have organized theatrical companies and are managing them successfully.

A LITTLE Texas girl, 12 years of age, is pronounced by Remenyl the most wonderful vio-inist America has produced. THE Alamo, the little old stone church

famous as the scene of the Texan massacre, at San Antonio, is doing duty as a grocery store. THE Germans have such a dislike to Amercan pork that it has been found necessary to pack it in England and send it over as the work of En-

glish hogs before it will go down. A MIDDLETOWN, Conn., bankrupt, whose Habilities are upward of \$22,000, reports his assets at 15 cents, and it is thought they will really bring a liberal percentage of that am WILLIAM HARRINGTON, of Montezuma, Ind., was married the other day. It was not a new experience, as seven previous marriages had

In Norway DuChaillu refused a beggar twice when the latter became abory and, shaking a pouch full of colo in the great traveler's face, shouled: "Look at it! Look at it! Everybody

preceded this, and every wife of those marriage

has not been so mean as you are." THE London News says that every time Plon Pion advised Louis Napoleon to anything, Eugenie would offer contrary suggestions and carry them out, to the great detriment of the pub lie good, and finally to the overthrow

SCENE in a Chicago shoe store: "What size?" "low's, please." An interval of hard work, "Do you want a pair of shoes, Miss, or only one?" "A pair, of course." "All yes, I see; twice two is four-John, stretch a pair

MAN Irish editor gives a short list of Irish terms of endearment; "Cushla machree-the pulse of my heart. Vick ma chree—son of my heart. Manim asthee tu—my soul's wahin you. Mayourneen Dheelish-my sweet darling, words of perfect spell, a sweet murmur."

A special feature of a recent production of "Iolanthe" in London was the wearing the electric light in the hair by the whole chorus of fairies in the second act. Hitherto only the queen and three principal fairies were thus decorated. An electric star also shone on the head of Lord Mount Ararat and on the summit of Private Willia's gigantle bearskin.

E"A PRINCE bearing the title of Serene Highness," as he signs himself, advertises in a Paris paper that he desires to marry a young lady with a dowry of two millions. This worthy is not unique. In this country there are many impa-cunious youthful loafers who, though not Serens Highnores, would like to marry a young lady with a dowry of two millions.

THE new dean of Westminster, in a letter to Mr. Bennock acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the illustrated edition of Longfellow's poetical writings, expresses the wish that Dean Stanley had fived "to crown his happy relations with a country in which he was so valued by enriching the abbey with a memorial to a poet, whose works in the splendid form in which this edition embodies them will now adorn the home

of his friend and successor." FOR nearly twenty-five years Frank Hess had been bell ringer of St. Liborious's church, in St. Louis, and he attained the age of 74 years Last Sunday there was a funeral at the church, and his friends told him that he was too feeble to toli the bell; but, believing that no one could do the work as well as he, he went up to the belfry and rang the knell. He did not come back as promptly as usual, and a friend going up found

him dead. THE late Dr. John Brown's library was sold the other day in Edinburgh, and over \$10 was paid for a copy of "Ruskin's Poems," c lected and printed for private circulation in 18.
Dr. Brown had many favorite books, for he ha strong likings-or even more, enthusiasms-in litcrature. Of a passage or of a whole paper that seemed to him perfect in workmanship, as well as

in conception, he used to say that it was "done to the quick." LONDON Caterer: Passengers cro Atlantic ferry, even when they travel by the Sunard or Imman line, must be prepared to meet 'rum customers'' now and then. An Englishman eturning from the United States last autumn met an American on board who evidently did not like dives. Taking one from a dish which stood near im at the dinner table, he put it into his me bit it, made a wry face, and then returned it to the dish, remarking, "As you was-I took you for

a pi-kle." A GENTLEMAN in Lincoln, Nob., is the happy possessor of an autograph letter written by Abraham Lincoln from Springfield, Ill., April 25, 1859, to Mr. T. J. Picketts, a personni friend in Rock Island, in which he said: As to the other matter you kindly mention, I must, in candor, say I do not think myself fit for the presidency, I certainly am flattered and gratified that some partial friends think of me in that connection, but I really think it best for our cause that no conserted effort, such as you suggest, should be made. Let this be considered confidential.

"I will now ask my esteemed friend, William E. Dodge, to preside," said Dr. Zochos at the Cooper institute the other night; the doctor, not being a reader of newpapers, had falled to hear f his death. This is not quite so bad as the incident related of an eminent English nobleman who was presiding at a press dinner. He concluded his few feeble remarks by preposing the "health of Guttenberg." some one pulled his coat-tails and whispered that he was dead, "I regret," con-tinued the nobleman, "to appounce that intelligence has just been received that Guttenberg is

THERE has been a wedding of interest to Americans in Yorkshire, England. The bride is a daughter of William F. Grinnell, the United States consul at the manufacturing town of Brad-ford, and a granddaughter of the late Judge George Grinnell, of Massachusetts, as well as a niece of the Hon, Levi P. Morton, our minister to France. The groom, Edward H. Landon, of New York, is a young gentleman of high social standing, means, and a lawyer. The ceremony took place in St. Mark's church, which was beautifully ecorated with camelias, roses, and plants in loom, and the main entrance effectively wreathed with vines and flowers.

Hy is a staid church member: a Presbyerian. He had a dog. There was a wicked man who bearded at the same house. The day was well known as the property of the good man. The wicked man fed and fondled the dog, and the dog grew much attached to him. When the wicked an walked out in the evenings the dog would go long. The wloked man would go to very dis reputable places and the dog would sit on the teps and wait until he came out. The dog was acquainted with all his master's acquaintances, and when any of them passed he would come down from the steps and go to them to be caressed. and then return to the steps, that he might not lose the wicked man who was inside. The good man has been disciplined by his church. He has sold

THE Paris Charicari has a story of Gam-Four years ago when he was elected president of the chamber of deputies he ordered preparations to be made for a fete at the Palais d'Or say. The morning of the g-est day the grand-salon was filled with workmen. The master work man, who had gone out for a moment, cried out in plunder on the walls of the Arthur administration | horror when he returned: "Somebody has been smeking. If I could only catch the rascal I—",
"It is I," said sepentleman, approaching from the
inclosure of a window which had hidden him. You, Mr. President?" cried the master mason, all in confu ion. "I sasure you I did not know I beg a thousand pardons for my language." "All right," answered Gambetta; "but supp se it had been one of the workmen; what they would have been fined haif a day's that is the tariff, and since my day's pay is two h indred f axes, here are five louis; take them all out and let them drink to my health,"